

PERSONAL USE FISHERIES

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060
Emergency Order No. 1-20-02

Issued at Ketchikan, Friday, June 28,
2002

Effective 12:01 A.M. Monday,
Date: July 1, 2002

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Tuesday, July
31, 2002, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens the Herring Cove terminal harvest area to personal use gillnetting for king salmon from July 1 through July 31, 2002 by permit only. Personal use permits will be issued out of the Ketchikan office for this fishery. Only drift gillnets 10 fathoms (60 feet) or less in length will be allowed. There are no restrictions on the size of the gillnet mesh. The bag and possession limit will be 50 king salmon of any size.

REGULATION:

5 AAC 77.685. PERSONAL USE HATCHERY SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN(f) is added to read:

Personal use gillnet fishing is allowed in the Herring Cove terminal harvest area from 12:01am Monday July 1, 2002 through 11:59 pm Wednesday July 31, 2002. Fishing is allowed by permit only, issued at the Ketchikan office. The terminal harvest area is defined as all marine waters of Herring Bay west of a line from the southern entrance of Hole-In-The-Wall harbor to an un-named creek 1/8-mile north of Whitman Creek. Gear is limited to drift gillnets 10 fathoms (60 feet) or less in length. The bag and possession limit for this fishery is 50 king salmon. The bag and possession limits for other salmon incidentally taken are 6 coho salmon, 6 sockeye salmon, 100 pink salmon, and 20 chum salmon.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Personal Use Hatchery Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 77.685) was developed to allow the personal use taking of surplus hatchery salmon in terminal locations when those salmon have not been taken in other fisheries. Hatchery-produced king salmon are projected to return, unharvested in other fisheries, to the Whitman Lake hatchery in numbers that exceed brood stock needs. The area opened by this emergency order will allow Alaska residents to target king salmon returning to the Whitman Lake hatchery located on upper Herring Cove Creek in Ketchikan.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 46504270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 205, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907)225-2859.

